GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PRODUCTION OF OIL SEED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a technology mission has been constituted to increase the production of oilseeds in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the oilseeds included in this technology mission and whether coconut is also inducted in this list;

(d) if so, the details of schemes formulated to increase the productivity of coconut in each coconut growing State during the last three years; and

(e) the total allocation made for implementation of these schemes alongwith the expenditure incurred thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y.NAIK)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. A Technology Mission on Oilseeds was constituted in 1986 with a view to increase the production of oilseeds and to make the country self sufficient in edible oils.

(c): The oilseeds included under the Technology Mission are groundnut, sunflower, sesamum, safflower, soybean, rapeseed-mustard, niger, linseed, oilpalm and castor. Although the Standing Advisory Committee in its decision declared the coconut as anoilseed and simultaneously decided that coconut is an oilseed of tree origin and should not be treated like common oilseed which is grown like a crop. The intention of this declaration was to emphasize the importance of coconut as an oilseed for price support operation only and it is, therefore, not included under the Technology Mission.

(d): Keeping in view the importance of coconut, it is being specifically handled by the Coconut Development Board. The Board has been implementing the following schemes to increase the productivity of coconut in each coconut growing state during the last 3 years:

i. Production and distribution of quality planting material;
ii. Expansion of area under coconut;
iii. Integrated farming in coconut holdings for productivity improvement;

(e): The total allocation made for implementing these schemes along with the expenditure incurred for the last 3 years is as follows:

Rs. in lakhs

Year	Total Allocation	Expenditure
1997-98	840.675	1027.734
1998-99	1040.890	1053.140
1999-2000	814.675	799.952